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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

ATTY.'S DOCKET: OKAMURA=2B

In re Application of:

Haruki OKAMURA et al.

Serial No.: 09/050,249

Filed: March 30, 1998

For: IFN- γ PRODUCTION INDUCING
PROTEIN AND MONOCLONAL
ANTIBODY...

Art Unit: 1646

Examiner: FITZGERALD, D.

Washington, D.C.

March 3, 2000



AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 6, 1999, petition and payment for a two month extension of time attached hereto, please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please rewrite claim 59 in once-amended form as follows:

59 (Once-Amended) A monoclonal antibody which specifically recognizes a [polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of a murine] interferon-gamma (IFN- γ) inducing factor (IGIF or IL-18) protein,

[wherein said IGIF protein is obtainable from mouse liver,] which has a molecular weight of 19 ± 5 kDa as determined by gel filtration or nonreducing SDS-PAGE[, has] and a pI of 4.8

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